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1. On 25 July 1951, 30 trucks and 13 AA guns from the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne in Potsdam (N 53/Z 63) were entrained at the railroad station.

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2. Activity of the artillery troops in the Delius Kaserne between 12 and 13 July 1951 was described as follows:

Date	Recruits	Battery troops	Entire unit
12 July	Drill with 8 x 76.2-mm guns on Bornstedter Feld from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Aiming practice with 16 x 122-mm guns and 12 x 152-mm guns on Bornstedter Feld from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Cleaning of guns and motion picture in the afternoon
13 July	Same as on 12 July	Same as on 12 July	Cleaning of guns by troops wearing gas masks, and political indoctrination in the afternoon
14 July	Rifle drill from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Rifle drill by the troops of four batteries, and aiming practice with 16 x 122-mm guns by the troops of four other batteries on Bornstedter Feld, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Cleaning of guns, policing of barracks yard and subsequent march with gas masks to attend a lecture at the club in the afternoon

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Date	Recruits	Battery troops	Entire unit
16 July	Individual training with rifles and sub-machine guns from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Physical training from 1 to 3 p.m.	Drill with 12 x 152-mm and 16 x 122-mm guns on Bornstedter Feld from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Political indoctrination at 5 p.m.
17 July		Cleaning of guns from 1 to 3 p.m.	Cleaning of guns and airing of beds in the barracks yard in the morning; fatigue duty and cleaning of beds in the afternoon; political indoctrination at 5 p.m.
18 July	Aiming practice with 8 x 76.2-mm AT guns in the morning	Aiming practice with 12 x 122-mm and 16 x 152-mm guns in the morning	Cleaning of guns and motion picture in the afternoon **

3. On 14 July, it was learned that the drivers in the Delius Kaserne had moved from their separate quarters to the batteries' quarters since, according to a supply sergeant, the former drivers' quarters were needed for the establishment of a hospital.
4. All German workers employed in the Delius Kaserne were engaged in the reconditioning of bedsteads on 16 July. The supply sergeant said that bedsteads for 200 additional soldiers were needed.
5. On 18 July, it was learned that the MGB office in the Ingenheim Villa was to move to the Kriegsschule. German workers had already started installing iron bars on the doors and windows of 20 rooms in the Kriegsschule. ***

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* Comment. [redacted] the material belonged to an element of the 2d GWS AAA Div. 50X1-HUM

** Comment. [redacted] the artillery unit in the Delius Kaserne [redacted] left its quarters by road toward Spandau on 19 July 1951. This information seemed 50X1-HUM credible to some extent, inasmuch as an advance party of the unit concerned had left the Delius Kaserne on 5 July. The statement that the unit left toward Spandau was interpreted as an attempt of the unit to bypass the city of Potsdam. However, the reference report is refuted by the listing of the unit's activities in the present report which, although it does not cover 19 July 1951, would have undoubtedly mentioned that preparations for departure were underway at least several days prior to 19 July.

*** Comment. The Kriegsschule on the north side of Pappelallee had housed courses of instruction which were transferred to Wuensdorf.

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